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ALLARD & SCHAFFER PRAISE APPROVAL OF CDC FUNDING LEGISLATION BY CONGRESS MONEY FOR FORT COLLINS CDC LAB TO COME FROM BILL

Washington, D.C. – Colorado U.S. Senator Wayne Allard and Fourth District U.S. Representative Bob Schaffer Wednesday praised the passage of the Public Health Security Bioterrorism Response Act (H.R. 3448) by Congress. The legislation, approved by the House of Representatives on a vote 425-1 and expected to be approved by the Senate on Thursday morning, contains \$300 million for construction and replacement of CDC's facilities around the nation, including the Fort Collins CDC Lab.

"Today, we took a big step forward toward securing the necessary funding to renovate the CDC lab in Fort Collins," said Senator Allard. "With the passage of this legislation we now have congressional authorization to pursue the remaining funding needed for a new building."

"The Fort Collins CDC Vector-Borne Infectious Disease lab is on the front lines of America's comprehensive bio-defense effort," said Congressman Schaffer. "Passage of this bill, together with Secretary Thompson's previous commitment to apply \$74 million to the Fort Collins facility is truly a victory, both for America and Colorado."

The congressional action authorizing the funding is the first step toward gaining the \$74 million in funding needed to complete the renovation of the Fort Collins CDC lab.

Earlier this year, Allard and Schaffer requested that \$74 million from this year's

